

to have his committee discharged from further consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 237 and to have it rereferred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

§ 34. Committee on the Budget

The Committee on the Budget was established effective July 12, 1974, by the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (11 H.R. 7130),⁽¹⁴⁾ and its jurisdiction and composition provided as follows:

(e)(1) Committee on the Budget, to consist of twenty-five Members as follows:

(A) five Members who are members of the Committee on Appropriations;

(B) five Members who are members of the Committee on Ways and Means;

(C) thirteen Members who are members of other standing committees;

14. H.R. 7130 was reported from the Committee on Rules on Nov. 20, 1973, H. Rept. No. 93-658. Pub. L. No. 93-344, §101. Effective Jan. 14, 1975, 121 CONG. REC. 20-32, 94th Cong. 1st Sess. [H. Res. 5], the membership of the committee was increased from 23 to 25, with 13 rather than 11 members to be elected pursuant to Rule X clause 1(e)(1)(C). The language cited from Rule X clause 1(e) also reflects amendments contained in H. Res. 5, 96th Congress, Jan. 15, 1979.

(D) one Member from the leadership of the majority party; and

(E) one Member from the leadership of the minority party.

No member other than the representative from the leadership of the majority party and the representative from the leadership of the minority party, shall serve as a member of the Committee on the Budget during more than three Congresses in any period of five successive Congresses beginning after 1974 (disregarding for this purpose any service performed as a member of such committee for less than a full session in any Congress) except that an incumbent chairman having served on the committee for three Congresses and having served as chairman of the committee for not more than one Congress shall be eligible for reelection to the committee as chairman for one additional Congress. All selections of Members to serve on the committee shall be made without regard to seniority.

(2) All concurrent resolutions on the budget (as defined in section 3(a)(4) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974) and other matters required to be referred to the committee under titles III and IV of that Act.

(3) The committee shall have the duty—

(A) to report the matters required to be reported by it under titles III and IV of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974;

(B) to make continuing studies of the effect on budget outlays of relevant existing and proposed legislation and to report the results of such studies to the House on a recurring basis;

(C) to request and evaluate continuing studies of tax expenditures, to

devise methods of coordinating tax expenditures, policies, and programs with direct budget outlays, and to report the results of such studies to the House on a recurring basis; and

(D) to review, on a continuing basis, the conduct by the Congressional Budget Office of its functions and duties.

Also effective on that date, Rule X clause 3(b) was added relative to the special oversight functions of the committee and as later perfected by the Committee Reform Amendments of 1974,⁽¹⁵⁾ reads as follows:

(b) The Committee on the Budget shall have the function of—

(1) making continuing studies of the effect on budget outlays of relevant existing and proposed legislation, and reporting the results of such studies to the House on a recurring basis; and

(2) requesting and evaluating continuing studies of tax expenditures, devising methods of coordinating tax expenditures, policies, and programs with direct budget outlays, and reporting the results of such studies to the House on a recurring basis.

Rule X clause 4(b), as added by the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and as later perfected by the Committee Reform Amendments of 1974,⁽¹⁶⁾ reads as follows:

15. Pub. L. No. 93-344, §101(c), incorporated into the rules as Rule X clause 3(b), *House Rules and Manual* §693 (1975), by H. Res. 988, 120 CONG. REC. 34447-70, 93d Cong. 2d Sess., Oct. 8, 1974.

16. Pub. L. No. 93-344, §101(c), incorporated into the rules as Rule X

(b) The Committee on the Budget shall have the duty—

(1) to review on a continuing basis the conduct by the Congressional Budget Office of its functions and duties;

(2) to hold hearings, and receive testimony from Members of Congress and such appropriate representatives of Federal departments and agencies, the general public, and national organizations as it deems desirable, in developing the first concurrent resolution on the budget for each fiscal year;

(3) to make all reports required of it by the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, including the reporting of reconciliation bills and resolutions when so required;

(4) to study on a continuing basis those provisions of law which exempt Federal agencies or any of their activities or outlays from inclusion in the Budget of the United States Government, and to report to the House from time to time its recommendations for terminating or modifying such provisions; and

(5) to study on a continuing basis proposals designed to improve and facilitate methods of congressional budget-making, and to report to the House from time to time the results of such

clause 4(b)(1), *House Rules and Manual* §695 (1975), by H. Res. 988, 120 CONG. REC. 34447-70, 93d Cong. 2d Sess., Oct. 8, 1974. Paragraph (2), contained in §301 (d) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, paragraph (3), paragraph (4), contained in §606 of that act, and paragraph (5), contained in §703 of that act, all were made part of the rules effective Jan. 3, 1975, by H. Res. 988.

study together with its recommendations.

Pursuant to section 906 of the Congressional Budget Act, the House Committee on the Budget reported to the House its recommendations for implementation of the budget procedures for fiscal year 1976;⁽¹⁷⁾ the House and Senate completed final action on the first concurrent resolution on the budget considered under the Act by adopting a conference report thereon on May 14, 1975.⁽¹⁸⁾ On May 13, 1976, the House and Senate completed final action on the first concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1976, the first year of full implementation of the Budget Act procedures.⁽¹⁹⁾

§ 35. Committee on the District of Columbia

The Committee on the District of Columbia was created in 1808,⁽²⁰⁾ at which time it was “the duty of this committee to take into consideration all petitions and memorials relating to the affairs of the District of Columbia,

and to report from time to time, by bill or otherwise.”⁽¹⁾ In 1880, this language was revised so that all subjects “relating to the District of Columbia, other than appropriations therefor” were referred to the committee.⁽²⁾ Under the 1973 rules⁽³⁾ the committee’s jurisdiction read as follows:

- (a) All measures relating to the municipal affairs of the District of Columbia in general, other than appropriations therefor, including—
- (b) Adulteration of foods and drugs;
- (c) Incorporation and organization of societies;
- (d) Insurance, executors, administrators, wills, and divorce;
- (e) Municipal code and amendments to the criminal and corporation laws;
- (f) Municipal and juvenile courts;
- (g) Public health and safety, sanitation, and quarantine regulations;
- (h) Regulation of sale of intoxicating liquors;
- (i) Taxes and tax sales.

Among the general municipal affairs of the District have been subjects relating to⁽⁴⁾ [enumeration added]:

- 17. H. Rept. No. 94-25, 94th Cong. 1st Sess., Mar. 3, 1975.
- 18. H. Con. Res. 218, H. Jour. 739-743, 94th Cong. 1st Sess.
- 19. S. Con. Res. 109, H. Jour. 768, 769, 94th Cong. 2d Sess.
- 20. 4 Hinds’ Precedents § 4276.

- 1. Gerald J. Grady, “Monographs on the Committees of the House of Representatives” (93d Cong. 2d Sess., Dec. 13, 1974), committee print, p. 38.
- 2. 4 Hinds’ Precedents § 4276.
- 3. Rule XI clause 5, *House Rules and Manual* §685 (1973). See Rule X clause 1(f), *House Rules and Manual* §675 (1979).
- 4. *House Rules and Manual* §675 (1979).